was also marketing multi-vitamin formulations at prices based on a judgment of the Bombay High Court. The Prices of these formulations were re-fixed in March, 1986 under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Sales turnover of individual formulations is not monitored.

Import of Bulk Drugs

560. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of import of bulk drugs, drug intermediates and other raw materials during the last three years, year-wise, of Glaxo, Merck Sharp and Dhome, Infar, Pfizer, Hochest and German Remedies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the bulk drugs imported are being produced by their principals in their own country from basic stages;

(c) the names of drug intermediates being imported by each of these companies during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the technology for the bulk drugs being imported by them as well as the drug intermediates for the production of bulk drugs is available with their principals; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons that these companies are not being directed to produce these bulk drugs from basic stages in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) Company-wise imports are not being monitored by this Ministry.

(b) and (d) The desired information is not available.

(e) Drugs are produced by these companies as per the industrial licences granted to them.

Electronic Mail Despatch System

561. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electronic mail despatch system is proposed to be introduced by the Postal Department; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A proposal for introduction of Electronic Mail Service is under consideration.

(b) The details of the proposal have not been fully worked out as yet.

High-Level Apex Committee for Developing Petro-chemical Industry

562. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level apex Committee has been constituted to formulate a long term integrated plan for the growth of the petro-chemical industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An Apex Committee, has been set up in April, 1986 in the Department of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals to formulate a long-term integrated growth oriented plan for petro-chemical industry. The Apex Committee, to be assisted by four sub-groups on Hydrocarbon, Polymer, Synthetic Fibres including intermediates and other petrochemicals, is headed by Secretary (C&PC).